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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on 08-09-2007. In this paper:

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